

## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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Title: SYSTEM FOR DECODING MULTIMEDIA DATA AND METHOD THEREOF  
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MS AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents  
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**RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT**

Dear Sir:

The USPTO has restricted claims 1-45 of this application into Group I (claims 1-14), Group II (claims 15-24), Group III (claims 25-28), Group IV (claims 29-36), and Group V (claims 37-45).

Applicants elect the claims of Group I (claims 1-14). However, the restriction is respectfully traversed in order to preserve the issue for subsequent petition since the examination of all of the claims is not believed to create an undue burden on the USPTO and that the subject matter among the groups is not independent and distinct as required by statute. Furthermore, different classifications as recited by the USPTO are not independent adequate grounds for restriction since the USPTO has historically examined applications containing multiple sets of claims.

In summary, Applicants elect the claims of Group I for further prosecution and request reconsideration and prosecution on the merits of the claims of Group I for the stated reasons.

Respectfully submitted,

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